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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/608,057	Applicant(s) LEMMON ET AL.	
	Examiner Brian M. Healy	Art Unit 2883	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 29-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 and 29-40 allowed. The closest prior art of record, Laor, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S.2002/0009270A1 teaches (figs.1-20) a method and device for heat bonding an optical fiber 10,24 and substrate 40 wherein the fiber is directly butted to the substrate before it is melted by a laser 30. The aforementioned claims specifically states that the optical fiber end is melted while the fiber is above but not touching an exposed surface of a substrate.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 17-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Laor, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. U.S. 2002/0009270A1.

Laor teaches (Figs.1-20) a method and apparatus for heat bonding an optical fibers 10 by melting the end portions of the fiber in order to beat bond the fiber end to a device upon one of a plurality of coplanar substrates 6 with the devices including VCSEL's (Note it is inherent that VCSEL's can include commonly known semiconductor

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materials such as GaAs, InGaAs or Al GaAs or silicon materials and that this device can operate at the standard wavelength of 1550 nm) wherein the fiber is transparent to a designated wavelength. It should be noted that a plurality of spaced optical fibers can be connected to each substrate. It appears from the teachings of Laor that there is no intervening matter between the fiber end and the respective substrates. The teachings of Laor reference clearly, fully meets Applicant's claimed limitations.

The following reference is also cited by the Examiner as being pertinent prior art: Dragone et. al., U.S.P. No. 5,208,885 (Figs.1-7).

A copy of PTO-1449 will be included in this office action.

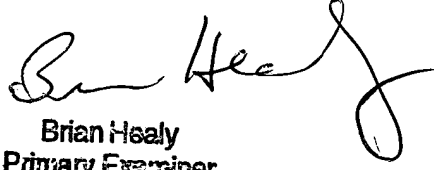
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian M. Healy whose telephone number is (571)272-2347. The examiner can normally be reached on Compressed Schedule Tues-Thurs. 7AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on (571)272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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